

March 1, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the procedures outlined in the *Protective Order*¹ I hereby submit the signed Acknowledgments of Confidentiality of Alexandra Green and Laura Mears, who are acting as legal assistants to outside counsel to Sonic Telecom, LLC, in order to obtain access to the Confidential and Highly Confidential materials filed in connection with this proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-730-1311 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Veach

Counsel to Sonic Telecom, LLC

Attachments

Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, Protective Order, DA 18-575, WC Docket No. 18-141 (rel. June 1, 2018).

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this day, true and correct copies of the foregoing Acknowledgments of Confidentiality were sent by electronic mail and first-class mail to the following party to the proceeding:

Patrick Halley USTelecom – The Broadband Association 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20001 phalley@ustelecom.org

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Laura Mears March 1, 2019

APPENDIX B

Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

WC Docket No. 18-141

I am seeking access to [] only Confidential Information or [* Confidential and Highly Confidential Information.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it.

I agree that I am bound by the Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents, Stamped Highly Confidential Documents, Confidential Information, or Highly Confidential Information except as allowed by the Protective Order.

I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission). I further acknowledge that the Commission retains its full authority to fashion appropriate sanctions for violations of this Protective Order, including but not limited to suspension or disbarment of Counsel or Consultants from practice before the Commission, forfeitures, cease and desist orders, and denial of further access to Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in this or any other Commission proceeding.

I acknowledge that nothing in the Protective Order limits any other rights and remedies available to a Submitting Party at law or in equity against me if I use Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in a manner not authorized by Protective Order.

I certify that I am not involved in Competitive Decision-Making.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation, or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or advocacy organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Counsel or Outside Consultant to a party or as an employee of Counsel, Outside Consultant, or Outside Firm, and I agree that I will not use such information in any other capacity.

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I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures at my firm or office to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Protective Order.

Executed this 27 day of February, 2019.

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